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## CHRISTMAS CAROL.

To be sung by the children of the Unitarian Sunday school:  
When I view the mother holding  
In her arms the babe so dear,  
Thousand blissful thoughts unfolding  
Touch my heart with sweetest joy.  
With her babe the hours beguiling,  
May'st thou, dear, be ever true,  
Her dear son, upon her smiling,  
Thousand kisses fondly give.  
See the myrtle leaf of wonder  
On her face to calm and mild,  
Many things her heart doth ponder  
As she thinks upon her child.  
He, upon her arm enthroned,  
Seems indeed an infant king,  
With the coming glory crowned,  
With the throne's stars still bring.  
See his lips already bidden  
With the prophetic and prayer;  
See his hair already wetted  
With the baptism he must bear.  
Israel's dear and prophet-prophet  
May thy life be ever true,  
And the consolation of it  
Lift our thoughts forever higher.  
—WEDDED BY REV. SAM'L LONGFELLOW.

## WILL INVADE CHEROKEE STRIP.

Pat O'Connor the Prophet of the Month for the Cherokee strip home seekers.

It is no longer "on to Oklahoma" as it has been changed to "on to the Cherokee Strip." The town of Caldwell is reported always ready to take advantage of emergencies and they now do not propose to let slip the golden opportunity to have a big time.

Pat O'Connor is the man for the hour. The name carries with it leadership. He is an Irishman and can't help it. He has an eye on the strip and can't help but get it. Last winter he and D. S. Dill started the great Cherokee City six miles south of Caldwell. They built houses and paved streets with jasperite, and made things lively, but in due time some small shaped soldiers came along and destroyed everything. The inhabitants were taken to the state line and Pat was the last one to cross over. He swore a mighty oath and said he would have revenge, and he proceeded to organize the colony. He worked quietly and earnestly, sending advertising matter to every state in the union, and as a result of the whole agitation has now, as claimed by Mr. Sam Woodson, of Caldwell, between four and five hundred families camping around the strip within a few miles of Caldwell. They all report to Pat for orders. They have heard of him. He is the great Messiah that will get them a quarter section as soon as the grass begins to grow, if not before. In fact Pat don't intend to wait that long. He proposes to enter the strip from the 1st to the 10th of January. He has set the day, but will not give it away just yet. The word "Pat" has been sent out and they are coming in from many directions. The usual program is that a covered wagon with a family will reach the town. The man in charge will say he is going to Oklahoma. He will walk around town for his health and for a short time and very soon finds Pat. Pat gives him the grip and the organization and they have the strip. The word "Pat" has been sent out and they are coming in from many directions. The usual program is that a covered wagon with a family will reach the town. The man in charge will say he is going to Oklahoma. He will walk around town for his health and for a short time and very soon finds Pat. Pat gives him the grip and the organization and they have the strip.

The semi-annual convention of school district officers met yesterday in the basement of the court house. Superintendent Pence called the meeting to order and opened the exercises with a few appropriate remarks. Hon. E. P. Thompson was made chairman and addressed the meeting, setting forth the object and the importance of cultivating an interest in the schools in general. Mr. J. W. Evans, of Rockford township, was elected secretary.

Mr. Elisha Irons, of Eagle township, led in the discussion of the subject, "Causes of Unsuccessful Schools." He treated the subject in a masterly manner, distinguishing between the simple intellectual and the moral training, clearly showing the greater necessity for the latter. He made many good points, giving as the principal cause of unsuccessful schools ignorance on the part of school boards, parents and teachers in regard to their respective duties. Mr. Irons was followed by Mr. S. W. Warner, of Graham township, who urged the selection of only first-class teachers.

Mr. Philip Smith, of Morton township, among other relative remarks, made the following: "Much depends upon the work of the school officers looking after the pupils in the discharge of their duties."

Mr. O'Brien, of Erie, spoke of the necessity of educating first the board and the teachers.

Mr. Warner, of Ohio township, said: "We are working too much at arms length. We do not get near enough to the schools. The old time practice teachers, because the teacher came in closer contact with the pupils and parents."

Mr. Stites of Delano, said: "Executive ability is the keynote of success by the teacher. A teacher who has energy, ability and inspiration will make a successful school. The people should vote more money for the schools."

Mr. Evans, of Rockford, thought that school boards as a rule neglect their duty in regard to making official visits to the school as required by law.

Mr. P. McDonald, of Delano township, read an exceedingly sensible and interesting paper on "Some of the Defects of our School System and Remedies Suggested." It is a cause of regret that the paper is not at hand from which to furnish extracts. The writer's logic was plentifully speeded with wit, and it was altogether a very instructive paper.

Mr. McDonald was followed by Mr. Balch, of Waco, who made some good suggestions in regard to need reforms. Some of the points he made were to do away with the district school board and establish a township board of education; to require a higher standard for teachers' certificates; and to have the state furnish all text books to the schools at cost.

Hon. E. P. Thompson expressed the opinion that the changing of district boundary lines should not be a part of the county superintendent's work, as it tends to destroy his usefulness in the general supervision of the schools. He also expressed a preference for a township board of education.

Superintendent Pence, as chairman of the committee on legislation, appointed by the department of superintendents at the last State Teachers' association, here presented to the meeting some proposed changes in the school laws which are being considered throughout the state, and which will probably be brought before the next legislature. The proposed changes which he mentioned are:

1. The trying and distribution of taxes.

2. The formation and changing of school districts.

3. State uniformity of text books.

Two plans have been suggested. First, That the state publish the books and furnish them to the people at cost. 2. That the state adopt and purchase standard text books and furnish them to the schools free. The second prop-

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Geo. F. Powell vs. E. P. Ford, judgment for plaintiff for \$4,157.

Geo. F. Powell vs. Garfield University, judgment for plaintiff for \$300.

Order of barbers to convey Mary Ohi, inmate, to asylum, heard, except and warrant denied.

Certified copy letters testamentary in

estate of William Lyman, deceased, written.

Answer of executors of will of M. W. Coulter, deceased, order to show why they should not be removed for not filing inventory in said estate.

First settlement of Francis L. Pechman, guardian of Ethel L. Pechman, approved.

Bond of Francis L. Pechman, guardian of Ethel L. Pechman, deceased, approved.

First settlement of Ida L. Evans, guardian of Rose and Benj. P. Evans, minors, filed.

W. L. Roberts and Anna Hans were married by the probate judge yesterday.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

Bosch & Grover vs. F. M. Rose, on trial by the court.

Wichita Lumber Co. vs. Boston Land Co. et al., judgment for plaintiff for \$55.37.

THE CHURCHES.

Y. W. C. A. gospel meeting at 213 North Market at 4:15 p. m. Sabbath afternoon subject, "God's great gifts to us, will you receive it?" Leader, Miss Sue Weaver. All ladies invited.

Rev. J. Barricklow will conduct the services, morning and evening, at the 1st church, corner Washington and Prince, tomorrow. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Mayflower Congregational church, on Fairview avenue—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. W. J. Marsh, pastor.

Emporia Avenue Baptist church, corner Emporia avenue and Fourth street; pastor's residence, 627 East Oak street—Sunday services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer and adjoined business meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting the trustees of the church will be elected. You are invited to attend all our services. J. B. Reynolds, pastor.

Perkins Presbyterian church, Rev. W. H. Robinson, pastor—Divine services tomorrow at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school 9:30 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 7:00 p. m. You are invited to these services. Come.

Central Christian church, corner Market and Second, L. E. Van Cleave, pastor—Services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Rest;" evening theme, "Joy." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. You are welcome.

Reformed church, corner of Topeka avenue and Lewis street—Rev. N. E. Harmon will preach at 11 a. m. No preaching in the evening. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., and Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Love, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Plymouth Congregational church, corner of Second and Lawrence—Services conducted by the pastor, S. F. Millikan, at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. As Sunday is Forefathers' Day the evening subject will be "The Story of the Pilgrims."

Church of Christ, Scientist—In Council hall, 213 South Water street, at 8:30 p. m. Subject, "Loving Our Enemies." Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are invited.

St. Paul's M. E. church, corner of Lawrence avenue and Thirteenth—Rev. J. W. Harmon will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching services conducted by the pastor, Rev. Samuel Weir, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Olivet Congregational, South Topeka avenue, below Wichita and Western railroad track—Roberts L. Marsh, pastor, the Rev. C. N. Severance will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Baptism and reception of members in the morning, when the sermon will be addressed especially to the new members. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., and Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school on Harry and Lulu streets at 3 p. m., followed by a meeting of the Harry Street Y. P. S. C. E. Meetings will be continued, so no church throughout the week, each evening.

First Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. R. T. Savin pastor—Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m., subject, "Conscience," and at 7:30 p. m., subject, "Conscience." Woman at Work—the second sermon in a series on Social Questions. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Class meetings at 9:30 a. m. and 12 m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

## A SEWER ROUND-UP.

Mayor Clement, City Engineer Jackman and Councilmen Martin and Buckridge took a drive yesterday morning south and held a short interview with the mouth of the sewer. That part of the anatomy of the animal is reported getting along nicely and he is encouraging use of itself. They examined a number of the man holes and the four leading mains and as far as could be learned were in conformity with the contract and showed the sewer service all right. It is thought the stench arising from many places will be overcome as soon as the flush tanks are set to working. It is believed that this part of the work, in fact all of it, will be completed by the first of next week which is Councilman's Buckridge's prophecy.

Councilman Martin describes the trip as a most pleasant one. The air was simply delightful, especially on the elevated road on Market, and the scenery simply grand.

Far to the east could be seen Butler county, with its rolling prairies dotted with houses and live stock, while College Hill down below appeared but a gentle swell out of the great river valley. To the west the bones of the much hunted buffalo could be seen glistening in the bright sunlight. The elevated drive, according to Mr. Martin, was simply delightful, and any one making the trip should not fail to take in that feature, and would forever applaud the expenditure that it called for. Mr. Martin says he has many things to do before April. Among others, he wants the council to buy seed corn and give it to those agriculturally disposed in his ward. He wants several hundred bushels of the early variety distributed on the proposition that it will be planted; but if his constituents want to eat it just before the spring election he don't care, but none shall be used for food after the election.

DEFECTIVE MEMORY.

The room in which the election contest court is being held was visited by quite a number yesterday to hear the evidence in the Luling-Ayres case. Fred Bentley as one of the witnesses had a very bad memory. In fact he believed he was chairman of the Democratic County Central committee, scarcely positive of that and certainly remembered nothing, how it was that he was induced to take pity on Ayres and help him so affectionately. He did not know when the courtship commenced or just how the bridal chamber was arranged. He had been very busy with legal business at the time and had not given much attention to the combine. He believed, however, that he had heard the business end of every thing, for during the campaign was represented by nine men and a quorum in the city. The great act was of course prepared by the quorum according to the supposition.

Bob Coates—"I believe I voted for Ayres on election day—An executive session of the committee was held at 1 p. m. Nov. 3. I was named a clerkship from Ayres. It was dismissed the day after election." The story about Susan loving John the day after they were married was recalled "I said to these men that it was my interest to have Mr. Ayres elected. I have reason to believe that Ayres paid an assessment to the Democratic committee. He paid my expenses. A deputyship was often suggested to me."

Stephen Shinner, a printer, said the change from Coates to Ayres came in Monday morning between 7 and 9 o'clock.

Mike Cook, secretary of the Democratic committee, remembered positively that he sent out the Coates Democratic tickets on Saturday and that he went to church for effect on himself the next day.

Another detachment of witnesses will be on hand today.

THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL.

To the Editor of the Eagle:

From the first call made looking toward the formation of a union among all the women's societies of our city, for organized cooperation whenever it became necessary, Wichita being the first and only city to have such a local organization, you have kindly given us all the space asked for at various times to bring this subject before the people, for which kindness and courtesy honorable mention was made at last year's annual meeting, with a round of applause and notes of instruction from the National Woman's Council, which convenes triennially, and for the second time in Washington city, the latter part of February.

It is that which will be required of societies becoming auxiliary to the council is the election of a delegate to serve during the year and the payment of \$1 per year for each society.

Officers elected for the year were:

President—Mrs. Lora R. Priddy.

First Vice-President—Mrs. S. L. Carpenter.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Prof. Laughlin.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Anna M. Taylor.

Treasurer—Mrs. Irene Rikarde.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Hersey.

There are several important matters under consideration which requires the combined wisdom of the many.

A committee composed of Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Clark was appointed to prepare a list of women in the city and present plainly the object of the Woman's Council.

A resolution was passed calling for the annual meeting on the second Saturday in each December and other meetings subject to call of president.

All accounts incurred in the work of the two years, including the conducting of the "Open Door" had been met, and a small amount paid into the hands of the new treasurer.

ANNIE M. TAYLOR, Secy.

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\$1000 IN PRESENTS  
To Be Given Away  
We commence Tuesday morning, Dec. 9th, to continue until all are gone, half car more on the way. We have lots of presents for the children, come and see them. We guarantee that we are the makers of low prices. Our stock is very large and complete.

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WAR! "WAR! "WAR!"

"Men may cry Peace! Peace! but there is no Peace!" From now to December 26th we propose to

"Out Herod Herod" IN THE WAY OF

LOW PRICES.

Beginning with Today we put the Knife into Our Immense Stock of HOLIDAY GOODS

And offer same at ACTUAL COST in order to close out the entire line by Xmas day. We bought too many goods for our wholesale trade and have decided to sacrifice our profits on

THE ALTAR OF NECESSITY

Rather than carry over anything till next year. This is a Bonafide offer and means just what it says, that everything will be sold at

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